

The meaning of *al yawm ul aakhirah* (the Last Day)

With regards to the title *al yawm ul aakhirah* (the Last Day), Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al 'Uthaymeen *rahimahullaah* states:

Al yawm ul aakhirah – it is the Day of Resurrection; and the Day of Resurrection is called *al yawm ul aakhirah* (the Last Day) because there is no day after it.

So the human being has four stages:

- the stage in the abdomen of his mother
- and the stage in the *dunyaa* (worldly life)
- and the stage in the *barzakh*
- and the stage of the Day of Resurrection, and it is the final stage. And for this reason it is called *al Yawm ul Aakhirah* (the Last Day); the people will dwell in it, be that in Paradise – we ask Allaah that He make us from them – or in the Fire – and refuge is sought with Allaah. So this is the final destination.

(“Sharh of Riyaad us Saaliheen” of Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al 'Uthaymeen *rahimahullaah* , quoted in Mu'jam at Ta'reefaat p414)